

**REMARKS**

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

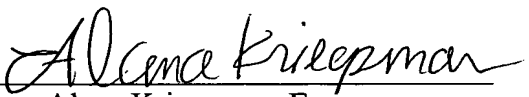
The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Original claims 1-10 are currently pending.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-10 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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